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INDO-US JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and American warships conducted joint exercise at Chennai port;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether American warships were equipped with atomic weapons;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Indian forces conducted similar exercises with the forces of other countries;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the effect of such joint exercises on morale of Indian forces; and

(h) whether disclosure of Indian secret defence preparations to such countries have adverse effect on our defence production and war preparation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

(e) & (f): Indian forces conduct joint exercises with forces of other countries from time to time. Some of the countries with whom exercises have been conducted in past include USA, UK, Russia, France, Oman, Singapore, Japan, Sri Lanka, Maldives etc.

(g) During joint exercise, service personnel gain from the experience of other forces especially in the field of advance technology available with them. It also facilitates inter operability in times of need in situations like disaster management etc.

(h) Appropriate measures are in place to ensure that secret defence preparations are not disclosed during such exercises.